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Applicant : Gregory John Billington et al.      Art Unit : 3653  
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Title : MONEY HANDLING MECHANISM WITH PERIPHERAL PORT

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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REPLY TO ACTION OF FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for handling money, including:  
a money handling apparatus;  
an internal controller for controlling the money handling apparatus;  
a first port for removable connection to an external controller for communication with the internal controller; and  
a second port for removable connection to a further device for handling money;  
wherein the internal controller is arranged to communicate over the second port with the further device using a communications protocol; and

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